

Nevada Division of Forestry

News Release



NDF Allows Open Burning In Storey, Douglas, Carson City; Washoe County Open Burning Halted

Permits for open burning of vegetative materials will be issued by the Nevada Division of Forestry for the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District in portions of Carson City, Douglas and Storey Counties beginning at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, November 3. Open burning in Washoe County has been discontinued as of November 1.

Permits are required for open burning activity and can be obtained by contacting the Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center at (775) 883-5995. Storey County residents should call 847-0954, Carson City residents should call 887-2007. There is no fee for burn permits issued by the Nevada Division of Forestry.

Burning is restricted to vegetation materials such as leaves, grass, small tree limbs and grass. Burning must occur in small piles with a minimum clearance of 10 feet around the pile, and must be at least 30 feet from structures. Open burning hours are restricted to the period between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily. Water and tools, such as a shovel and rake, must be on site at the time of the burn, which must be supervised by at least one adult. Open burning is prohibited in windy conditions and after dark. Local air quality controls agencies can suspend open burning on any day when pollution levels are high.

Open burning is one method of reducing accumulations of dead or dying vegetation that present a fire danger to property owners. However, individuals may be held responsible for the cost of suppressing any wildland fire that results from an escaped open burn, violations of the conditions of the burn permit, or open burning without a permit. Even though temperatures are down and the Sierra Nevada area has experienced some moisture, there is still a potential for wildland fires to occur, especially under windy conditions. The Nevada Division of Forestry is urging people to use extreme caution while conducting open burning activities, and with campfires while enjoying outdoor areas.

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